

13 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research
SUBJECT: GFA Activity Report for the Month of April 1960

A. Major Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The Geography Division completed and disseminated one Geographic Intelligence Report (Annex 2 to GR L-60-2, Personality Cards, an annex to the Kurds in 1959) and thirteen Geographic Support Projects in the GP series. Among the GP Projects were four contributions to the NIS program, four tourist objectives reports, two Boundary Inventory File reports, a presentation of comments on the Report on Antarctica and on the Operations Plan for Antarctica, and contributions to the Power Positions project.

2. During the month of April D/GC completed 147 maps and charts and accepted requests for 139 from the various components of the Agency and the Department of State. Completions for the previous month of March were 196. Total jobs in process in the Division at the end of April were 498 versus 509 jobs in March.

3. The Map Library Division forwarded 36,869 items to requesters in response to 2,196 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information. This month's totals for both map requests and items forwarded were the highest in a number of years.

4. Significant items procured from foreign sources included: a map of the "Economic Administrative Regions of the USSR", at 1:8,000,000, published in 1960; a 1960 edition of the 1:8,000,000 political map of the USSR; a 1959 Russian-published ethnic map on China, Mongolia, and Korea, at 1:5,000,000; a 1960 map of Africa by Bartholomew; negatives of 33 sheets of Yugoslavia, at 1:100,000, not previously held; and recent plans for five East German cities.

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5. During April a large part of the total capability of P/GC 25X1A2d1 was directed toward the processing of the [REDACTED] the preparation of a number of pieces of graphics for the ORR Soviet Manpower report; and the completion of the maps for the Telecommunication Atlas being prepared by ERA. It is anticipated all of these projects will be printed as scheduled.

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6. The final maps scheduled for calendar year 1959 on [REDACTED] were completed during the month and work on the current 1960 schedule was initiated. Also, the Division received [REDACTED] two 25X1X7 town plan maps for processing through our Reproduction plant. This is the beginning of a series of town plans for which we will provide Reproduction with little or no expenditure of Division time. Support activities conducted by the Special Collection Support Branch during the month included: the collection of data on various organizations and individuals in West Europe, in behalf of DD/P; the transmittal to [REDACTED] for distribution 25X1A6 by the Strat Branch, of collection guides, organization reports, biographic cards, and other papers; the development of a plan to use information on the users of topographic maps in the USSR in preparation of a target list for DD/P; and the forwarding to Reproduction of the guide for photographic maps.

B. Planning and Development

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1. At a conference 26 April with [REDACTED] Staff, WH, [REDACTED] discussed the DD/P request for research support on Paraguay that had been previously transmitted to the Division. In answer to questions regarding priority status of Paraguay from the standpoint of WH operations, it was confirmed that this research support is related to a job that is programmed as a priority effort.

2. A memorandum from the Near East and South Asia Division, DD/P, requested information (statutory and definitive) on geographical and political borders contiguous with Communist Bloc nations. This request will be subordinated to the State Department Boundary Inventory File project on which work is in progress in the Division. However, D/GG effort on the State Department project will give priority to those areas that are of specific interest to DD/P.

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3. Preliminary conferences have been held with representatives of [REDACTED] to develop the requirements and specifications necessary to draw up a contract for preparing 17 special projection maps to be used in connection with communication and missile problems. [REDACTED] will submit terms of a contract before the end of May.

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4. The targets for [REDACTED] were reassessed by the GM Task Force and the distribution of the guides expanded to include the [REDACTED] program. Nine previously issued studies were revised and sanitized for the DD/P series and three new studies were completed for use in both the OO and DD/P series. All first priority texts were completed and the accompanying maps turned over to D/GC during the month.

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5. Informal discussions with representatives of [REDACTED] in the aftermath of CIA/RR GP 60-50-L indicate that a more comprehensive study on a long-term basis of the Anhwei-Honan-Hupeh area will be required. Planning for research in fulfillment of this requirement will be initiated during May.

6. Preliminary discussions were held concerning the possibility of Geographic Area assistance in arranging for publication of an "Explorers' Atlas of West China"; such a publication would represent the cream of [REDACTED] hitherto unpublished materials.

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25X1A6a 8. [REDACTED] assisted St/A in the preparation of a staff study for his trip to the Near East, to begin 1 June, and informally discussed [REDACTED] contacts with DD/P.

9. At a conference with St/P on 4 April, it was agreed that the Geography Division will cast its new series GR reports in the old G report format only in those instances where the content of the report and its intended use favor the inclusion of formal footnoting and statements on gaps and/or methodology. Other research studies in the series will continue to be cast in a format that does not require such annotations.

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10. A request was submitted by NORAD for [REDACTED] to deliver a briefing to CINCNORAD and Staff on Soviet activities in Antarctica and their possible bearing on U.S. defense problems. The briefing is to be given in Colorado Springs on 10 May.

11. In response to the circulation of a description of the United States Air Force "Lunar Atlas", volume 1, first edition, February 1960, three requests for retention copies of the Atlas and two for loans were serviced. The Atlas was produced under an Air Force Cambridge Research Center contract, plans for which were initiated in 1957. The selection of the lunar photography, conducted under the supervision of Dr. G. P. Kuiper, Yerkes Observatory, represents the best material available at the Mount Wilson, Lick, McDonald, and Yerkes Observatories in this country, and the Pic du Midi Observatory in France. The Atlas is the culmination of efforts by many different groups in widely separated areas, bringing together the most significant and timely photographic coverage of the moon. The Atlas is 18½ X 25½ X 3 inches and weighs 25 pounds.

25X1A5a1 As a result of 25X1A5a4 [REDACTED] Arnssey's exploratory conferences at [REDACTED] during the month, it was decided that the proposed external research project relating to sociological data on 25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] both of the Sahara will not proceed at this time. Neither [REDACTED] was able to give a definite answer within the time necessary to permit the obligation of FY 1961 funds, and it is considered unlikely that any other institution would be able to do so.

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13. A new itinerary was proposed for [REDACTED] that would provide for yearly visits to the USSR and each country in Eastern Europe.

14. A new Geographic Attache will be recruited to replace Mr. Biggs, who has been returned to Washington by the Department for medical treatment.

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15. D/GL/S debriefed [REDACTED] with respect to his missions to the USSR and Czechoslovakia, and also briefed him in detail on the information that it would be useful for him to collect for the topographic map project.

16. The Department's Economic Reports Officer who is going to Hungary was briefed by [REDACTED] D/GL/S, on Map Library and collection activities.

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17. [REDACTED] D/GL, briefed Army Attaches assigned to Poland, Greece, and Turkey concerning collection of topographic maps of the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities

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1. A major lecture on geographic considerations involved in the study of sabotage targets was prepared and delivered by [REDACTED] for 25X1A9a an OTR course [REDACTED]. In addition, [REDACTED] has prepared a 25X1A9a lecture on OTR intelligence resources to be presented early in May at an OTR course on current operational doctrine being offered for DD/P personnel. Requirements for both of these lectures were an outgrowth of D/GG's participation in the orientation course on Paramilitary Operations [REDACTED] during March.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] accompanied the DCI to the OCB meeting that considered the NSC Report on Antarctica and the Operations Plan for Antarctica. Both were approved by the OCB and the Working Group was complimented on its effective work. Mr. Dulles commended to the OCB the comprehensive intelligence annex to the Operations Plan.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] (as alternate) attended meetings of the informal advisory group to the Antarctic Staff, Department of State. The outstanding current problem is that of defining the relationships of SCAR to the Antarctic Treaty.

25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] reported that one copy of the D/GG Cuba project material completed to date had been recently turned over to one of the military services for its reference interest. The organization involved was in the process of going to press on a similar production of its own, but withheld its work from reproduction so a rewrite could be accomplished that would incorporate the CIA material.

25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED] delivered his second series of lectures on Astronomy and Geodesy to the Clandestine Scientific and Technical Operations Course.

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6. The Tenth Meeting of the Africa Roundtable held on 15 April was the first in which agencies other than CIA were represented. Mr. Robert D. Baum, Chief of the Africa Division, INR, Department of State, addressed the meeting on the subject of Implications of African Independence for the Intelligence Community. [REDACTED] will present comments on selected factors in the African scene at the May meeting.

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7. [REDACTED] attended the Annual Meetings of the Association for Asian Studies in New York City. Substantive and professional benefits accruing from their attendance this year lead them to recommend attendance of more GG/F geographers at future annual meetings of this organization.

8. Several members of the GRA attended the AAG meetings in Dallas, Texas. Results included: leads on procurement possibilities, which have been forwarded in a memorandum to Chief, D/GL; new substantive information on Paraguay that will be of assistance on the project for DD/P. Information obtained regarding [REDACTED] has been turned over to the appropriate officers.

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9. [REDACTED] attended the Staff meeting of Mr. Francis Williamson, Director, Office of Research and Analysis for Western Europe, in the Department of State. [REDACTED] spoke on the 25X1A9a resources of the Map Library, and a selection of maps on Western Europe was shown.

10. The Reference Branch, D/GL, is making arrangements to assemble map kits, consisting of selected maps that might be useful for persons going abroad on tours of duty. The kits will be forwarded to Central Processing, CIA, as examples of material available, upon request, from the Map Library.

D. Problems

1. The Reference Branch, D/GL, urgently requests an additional staff member for the summer months. Training in Reference operations should be given before the last week of May.

25X1A9a 2. The Coordination Staff, D/GG, reports that a vacancy will be created in September 1960 when [REDACTED] will resign. It is important that this position be filled as soon as possible, because the FY 1961 schedules for Chapters IX and related Sections 19 are demanding and will require the efforts of a complete staff.

3. Since the procedures in the Urban Program have been well worked out, it is proposed that when the Program gets going again one of the three Division participants assigned to the Program be assigned the responsibilities now delegated to Chief, GC/S. This will help at least in a limited degree to restore proper emphasis to the Urban Program and to assure proper attention to other Branch programs.

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E. Miscellaneous

1. The Reference Branch, D/GL, received expressions of appreciation from two sources in the Department of State during the month. Mr. Carroll Terry, Director, Office of Intelligence Resources and Coordination, was pleased with service received for a special project on which he was working; and a member of the staff of the Office of Intelligence Research, Near East, called to say that the Map Library gave the "best service in the Department".

2. Several members of the Area participated in the preparation of a contribution to the NSC paper on Relative Power Positions of the Free World and Sino-Soviet Bloc through 1970.

3. The plotting by [REDACTED] of certain types of data using the Gauss-Kruger military grid is believed to have achieved an important breakthrough -- the kind that is made only rarely in the field of geographic intelligence. Other parts of the intelligence community have attempted to plot the same data but without success. The results are to be incorporated in a Geographic Research Aid, GRA-SC-60-1, which is now in the hands of St/P for final publication processing.

4. The following commendations were received during April:
(a) GMD/OSI commended the authors of the studies on approach routes and observation points for three USSR guided-missile targets;
(b) [REDACTED] expressed extreme satisfaction of the WH Staff with the telecommunications part of the Cuba support material prepared in GRA; (c) The Contact Division, OO, forwarded copies of comments from three more "delighted" recipients of the Provisional Atlas of Communist China Administrative Units.

5. [REDACTED] D/GL, retired from government service as of 30 April 1960. He had been associated with both the Map Library Division and the Geography Division during his nearly 18 years of service with the CIA and the OSS.

6. [REDACTED] returned from Switzerland where she completed the Map Reproduction Course given by Dr. Imhof at the Federal Institute in Zurich. [REDACTED] returned to duty 17 April after completion of an area familiarization trip of western and central Africa.

[REDACTED] returned 3 April following his trip to [REDACTED] field office

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[redacted] dealing with West China. [redacted] departed 25X1A9a
20 April on an area familiarization trip to the Far East.
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7. [redacted] D/GC, attended a 3-day seminar-workshop
on graphic presentation sponsored by Technifax Corporation in Holyoke,
Massachusetts.

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